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Applicant : C. Robert Gasparrini et al.

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Serial No. : 09/800,000 ✓

Examiner: R. Yan

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METHOD OF USING SAME

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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 2, 2002 requiring an election of species, applicants respectfully submit the following response.

I. The Examiner's Election Requirement

The Examiner has noted that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: species as shown in Figs. 2, 6, and 7. Accordingly, the Examiner has required applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution, and to identify all claims readable thereon. Additionally, the Examiner noted that there appears to be no generic claim.

II. Applicants' Election of Species

Applicants elect to pursue prosecution of the species corresponding to FIG. 2, and respectfully submit that claims 35-43 and 51 read on the species of Figure 2, as well as on various other non-elected drawings.

III. Applicants' Traversal

This election is made with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that: (1) all groups of claims are properly presented in the same application; (2) undue diverse searching should not be required; and (3) all claims should be examined together. For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the election requirement should be withdrawn and an action on the merits of all the claims is respectfully solicited.

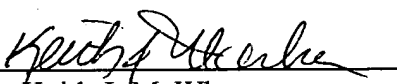
If any issues exist, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (212) 415-8705.

AUTHORIZATION

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this response to Deposit Account 13-4500, Order No. 0140-4126US4, and is hereby petitioned for any extension of time that may be required to make this response timely. **A DUPLICATE OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.**

Respectfully submitted,
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